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## Via Electronic Filing

Marlene H. Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Room TWB-204 Washington, DC 20554

Re: Notice of written ex parte communications, Joint Application by BellSouth Corporation, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., and BellSouth Long Distance, Inc. for Provision of In-Region, InterLATA Services in Alabama, et al., WC Docket No. 02-150

## Dear Ms. Dortch:

In AT&T's opening and reply comments in this matter, AT&T objected to a recently-filed BellSouth access tariff that contained clear growth characteristics. BellSouth filed similar tariffs in each state in each region. This letter is to advise that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has now rejected the BellSouth tariff as an illegal growth tariff and, upon objection by AT&T, on August 12, 2002, BellSouth withdrew its tariff filing in Tennessee. A copy of the relevant North Carolina Utilities Commission Order is attached. AT&T continues to object to BellSouth tariff as containing unlawful growth characteristics and believes that the FCC should order the growth aspects striken from the tariff.

Consistent with Commission rules, I am filing one electronic copy of this notice and request that you place it in the record of the proceeding.

Sincerely,

Joan Marsh

cc: Aaron Goldberger Tamara Preiss Judy Nitsche